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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 5-7,9,11 and 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,10 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed April 20, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the admitted prior art fails to teach that the carrier signal has a frequency different from the converted oscillation frequency. However, since the exact elements constituting the frequency conversion block and the quadrature modulation block are not defined, the grouping of elements labeled as "block" is arbitrary. The previous Office action clearly indicated the frequency multiplier 250 was read as part of the frequency conversion block, thereby anticipating the claimed invention. With the deletion "said oscillation frequency" in the last limitation does not change the finding of anticipation.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claim 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by admitted prior art.

Claim 1.

An admitted prior art, depicted in Fig.3, show a quadrature modulator, comprising;
a local oscillator (402) for oscillating at an oscillation frequency;

a frequency conversion block (301) which includes a frequency multiplier (250) for converting said oscillation frequency to output a converted oscillation frequency ($3f_{osc}/2$);

a quadrature modulation block (201) except for a frequency multiplier (250) for receiving a baseband signal (from 101) and said converted oscillation frequency, the block including a first frequency divider (240) for dividing said converted oscillation frequency by a factor of two to output a pair of orthogonal signals having a phase difference of 90 degrees, first and second multipliers (210,220) for modulating said pair of orthogonal signals with said baseband signal to output a pair of modulated signals and an adder (230) for adding said modulated signals together to output a carrier signal (f_{out}), wherein said carrier signal has a frequency ($3f_{osc}/4$) different from said converted oscillation frequency ($3f_{osc}/2$).

See page 3-4 of the present application.

Claim 2.

The admitted prior art (depicted in Figs. 3 and 5, and described at pages 3-8 of the present application) shows a quadrature modulator/method wherein:

1) the oscillation frequency is $4/(2N+1)$ times, i.e., $4/3$ times where $N = 1$, of the carrier frequency f_{out} ,

2) a frequency conversion block (301 and 250) is adapted to multiply the oscillating frequency by $(2N+1)/2$, i.e., $3/2$ where $N = 1$, see that the output of the frequency multiplier (250) is $3f_{osc}/2$,

3) a first frequency divider (240) divides the output of the frequency conversion block by two to generate a pair of carrier waves, see the two output carrier waves from the frequency divider (240),

4) the first and second multipliers (210 and 220) modulate the two carrier waves with a

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digital baseband signal (101) and

5) an adder (230) adds the two modulated carrier waves to output a digital carrier signal f_{out} , wherein said N is equal to 1 and the frequency conversion block includes a second frequency divider (310) for dividing said oscillation frequency by a factor of two to generate a divided frequency, a frequency mixer (320) for mixing the outputs from the local oscillator (402) and the frequency divider (350) to generate a first signal having a frequency equal to the sum of the oscillation frequency and the divided frequency.

Note that a frequency mixer generates a sum and a difference of two input frequencies.

Claim 3.

Since the frequency mixer produces the sum and difference frequencies, a bandpass filter (330) is required to filter out the undesired difference frequency.

Claim 10.

Fig.3 of the present application further shows the frequency conversion block includes a second frequency divider (310) for dividing said oscillation frequency by a factor of two to generate a divided frequency, a frequency mixer (320) for mixing the outputs from the local oscillator (402) and the frequency divider (350) to generate a first signal having a frequency equal to the sum of the oscillation frequency and the divided frequency. Note that a frequency mixer generates a sum and a difference of two input frequencies.

Claim 13.

An admitted prior art, depicted in Fig.3, show a method comprising the steps of:
generating an oscillation frequency (402);

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converting said oscillation frequency to output a converted oscillation frequency (301);
dividing said converted oscillation frequency by a factor of two to output a pair of
orthogonal signals having a phase difference of 90 degrees;
modulating said pair of orthogonal signals with a baseband signal to output a pair of
modulated signals (210,220); and
adding said modulated signals together to output a carrier signal (230),
wherein said carrier signal has a frequency different from said oscillation frequency and
said converted oscillation frequency.

See page 3-4 of the present application.

Claim 14.

The admitted prior art also describes that the converting operation removes an image
signal from "said first signal" using a bandpass filter. See page 4, lines 4-6.

Claims 15 and 16.

The carrier signal frequency ($f_{out} = 3f_{osc}/4$) is different from the oscillation frequency
(f_{osc}).

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior
in view of Lindenmeier et al (US 6,011,962 previously cited).

The admitted prior art discloses all the subject matter claimed, as explained above in
connection with claim 2, except for the frequency mixer is a double-balanced mixer.

Lindenmeier et al teaches that a double-balanced mixer suppresses spurious signal at its

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output. See col. 4, lines 18-26. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to use a double-balanced mixer as the frequency mixer of the admitted prior art for the purpose of generating an output signal without spurious signals.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5-9,11 and 12 are allowed.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

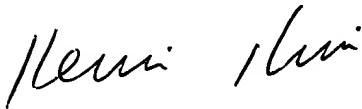
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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